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You will be killing new and valuable industry by caving to luddites. I want to see advances in technology, not restrictions on its uses because a company thinks it may cost them money. I have a TiVo. I use it daily. Both the manufacturers of the equipment, the TiVo company, and Tribune who sells the programming data, as well as hundreds of small time businesses make money off this market. And it's a market that is constantly expanding. These people deserve to make money as much as the big boys do. And for letting broadcasters throw ads at me through a service that I PAY to have, I deserve to be able to watch my shows whenever I can. I pay for cable. I pay to let them advertise to me, and they make shows just to be sure I'll watch their ads. The least they can do is let me see the shows that I've twice paid for.

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I have a TiVo. I use it daily. B

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I am sick and tired of self-interest groups like the RIAA and MPAA dictating what we can and cannot do with products and services we pay for with our hard earned money. Please help us to prevent the passage of legislation that will impose such restrictive and unfair limits on our rights to enjoy what we see and listen to. Thank you.

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